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COBB COUNTY WATER SYSTEM RATES, CHARGES AND FEES

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2008

MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES

The monthly service charge is assessed by meter size. This charge is to recover administrative, customer service, billing and meter-related cost, bond interest and some depreciation expenses. This fee is billed to all active accounts and does not include any water consumption.

METER SIZE	RESIDENTIAL	NON-RESIDENTIAL	IRRIGATION
5/8" & 3/4"	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$19.00
1"	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$22.00
1 1/2"	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$41.00
2"	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$63.00
3"	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$120.00
4"	\$99.60	\$99.60	\$185.00
6"	\$206.40	\$206.40	\$325.00
8"	\$321.60	\$321.60	\$450.00
10"	\$463.20	\$463.20	\$650.00
12"	\$463.20	\$463.20	\$800.00

FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

This fee is for water availability on demand for fire protection. It is associated with DDC and backflow devices and other metering devices for fire protection. This is typically for commercial facilities where domestic water demands are low, but must have fire flow capacity available to meet fire code requirements.

LINE SIZE	DOUBLE DETECTOR CHECK DEVICES	DOMESTIC or MFM METERS USED AS DDC DEVICES	UNMETERED FIRE LINES
5/8" & 3/4"		\$19.00	
1"		\$19.00	
1 1/2"		\$19.00	
2"		\$24.00	
3"		\$32.00	
4"		\$40.00	
6"	\$50.00	\$151.00	\$200.00
8"	\$60.00	\$201.00	\$250.00
10"	\$80.00	\$251.00	\$300.00
12"	\$110.00		\$350.00

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COMMODITY CHARGES

The commodity charges are for the recovery of costs associated with water purchases and distribution or wastewater collection and treatment expenses. These are billed to the consumer on a per thousand gallon basis.

RETAIL RATES

RESIDENTIAL - WATER	Tier 1 (1,000 to 3,000 gallons):	\$2.47 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier 2 (4,000 to 15,000 gallons):	\$3.59 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier 3 (16,000 to 29,000):	\$4.47 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier 4 (30,000 to 49,000 gallons)	\$5.24 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier 5 (50,000 and above)	\$6.80 per 1,000 gallons
NON-RESIDENTIAL - WATER \$3.53 per 1,000 gallons		
IRRIGATION - WATER \$6.80 per 1,000 gallons		
WASTEWATER \$4.90 per 1,000 gallons		
Wastewater charges are based on billed water consumption.		

WATER/SEWER ACCOUNT DEPOSIT CHARGES

RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNTS	Single Family: \$50.00*
	Mult-Family: \$50.00* each unit
NON-RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNTS	Commercial: \$50.00*
	Restaurants: \$200.00*
	Hotel, Motel & Apartments: \$50.00* each unit
* Or equal to two months bill, whichever is greater.	
Customer deposits are refundable upon 24 months of continuous Excellent Payment History. If the account becomes delinquent, another deposit will be required to be reinstated.	

OTHER CHARGES AND CREDITS

	WATER	WASTEWATER
SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT	(\$7.00)	
To qualify for the "Senior Citizen Discount", the customer must be 65 years of age or older and have a gross earned income of less than \$14,000.00 annually (2008). This figure will be updated annually with HHS Poverty Index.		
HIGH SERVICE AREA CHARGE	\$7.00	
A service charge for the customers that have water service in one of the identified high service area districts. This is to recover cost associated with having water available for potable and fire protection uses in these districts.		
WATER RETENTION CREDIT		
Commercial, Industrial, or Institutional users of the wastewater system will only be billed for wastewater service equal to the pre-determined percentage of water which is returned to the wastewater treatment system. This credit is typically used in situations of product manufacturing or loss through evaporation (chillers or boilers).		
SEPTAGE DUMPING FEE	\$100.00 per 1,000 gallons	
This is the amount billed per 1,000 gallons of septage, hauled-in by private haulers. This fee is to recover cost associated with treatment of the wastewater. This fee is based on random samplings of wastewater delivered and is calculated based on the T.S.S., B.O.D., ammonia and phosphorus loading from the samples.		
INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGE RATES		
BOD	Above 250 mg/l	\$.0936
TSS	Above 275 mg/l	\$.1752
NH3 (AMMONIA)	Above 15 mg/l	\$.9934
PHOS	Above 7.5 mg/l	\$1.7482
Computation: Measured Strength (mg/l) – High Strength Limit (mg/l) X Wastewater Volume (millions of gallons) X 8.34 (conversion factor) X High Strength Surcharge (\$ per pound).		
HIGH STRENGTH WASTEWATER CREDIT		
This adjustment is for the significant retail industrial wastewater users whose flows exceed 25,000 gallons per day of domestic wastewater or equivalent. Wastewater shall be consistently below the adopted high strength levels as indicated.		

BOD	Below 250 mg/l	\$.0936
TSS	Below 275 mg/l	\$.1752
NH3 (AMMONIA)	Below 15 mg/l	\$.9934
PHOS	Below 7.5 mg/l	\$1.7482
Computation: Measured Strength (mg/l) – High Strength Limit (mg/l) X Wastewater Volume (millions of gallons) X 8.34 (conversion factor) X High Strength Surcharge (\$ per pound).		

FIRE HYDRANT METER RENTAL	
Deposit	\$1,000.00
Service Fee	\$20.00 Optional: \$75.00 per calendar year. Based on singular usage; additional fee for concurrent use of multiple meters.
Water	\$6.80 per 1000 gallons When returned within duration of rental agreement \$6.80 per 1000 gallons When returned after deadline of rental agreement
Daily Rental Fee	\$5.00

METER CONNECTION and TAP FEES

Water Meter Connection Fees				
Water Meter Size	Developer Installed Utilities (Domestic)	CCWS Installed Utilities (Domestic)	Irrigation Installed with Domestic	Irrigation Installed After Domestic
¾" x ¾"	\$525.00	\$1650.00	\$1,200.00	
1"	\$830.00	\$1700.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,800.00
1½"	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,950.00
2"		\$1,950.00	\$1,850.00	\$2,250.00
3"		\$4,000.00	\$2,680.00	\$4,250.00
4"		\$4,500.00	\$3,570.00	\$4,700.00
6"		\$10,000.00	\$9,370.00	\$11,000.00
8"		\$14,000.00	\$12,220.00	\$12,220.00
10"		\$19,500.00	\$17,960.00	\$17,960.00
12"		\$24,000.00		
Residential Water Line Fee (County Roads Only)		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

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Commercial Water Line Fee	\$25.00 per foot (100 ft. minimum) Churches \$1,000.00
Typical Water Meter Installations: 1. Developer installed water distribution system: Water meter installation fee (by meter size) + Deposit. 2. CCWS installed distribution system: Water meter installation fee (by meter size) + Water line fee (defined by type of installation) + Deposit.	

DOUBLE DETECTOR CHECK (DDC) VALVES	
6"	\$7,500.00
8"	\$9,500.00
10"	\$14,500.00
Add deposit and applicable water line fee. This is a backflow prevention device.	

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES (SDF)

WASTEWATER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT (SDF) FEES

Wastewater connection fees are based on Equal Residential Units (ERU).

A typical residential house = one ERU = 400 gallons per day.

Typical Residential – SDF Fees:	
Regional Currently Effective	\$1,200.00
Regional Effective April 1, 2009	\$2,400.00
Non-Regional	\$500.00
Willeo Basin SDF Currently Effective	\$1,700.00 per ERU
Willeo Basin SDF Fees Effective April 1, 2009	2,900.00 per ERU
Sewer Extension Fee	\$2,300.00 per ERU (Does not include SDF)
Sewer Tap Installation Fee (County Roads Only)	\$1,100.00
Commercial Tap & SDF Fees	All Commercial wastewater taps and SDF fees are calculated by CCWS Engineering Division to determine ERUs.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AREAS

Clark Creek Area Sewer Assessment	\$1,500.00 per acre/less flood plain
Elmwood Extension Sewer Assessment	\$1,500.00 per acre
Vinings Library Outfall Sewer Assessment	\$3,000.00 per acre
Due West Area Sewer Assessment	\$2,200.00 per acre/less flood plain (215.00 per acre for District 1)
Lost Mountain High Service Water Assessment	\$3,000.00 per ERU
Sweat Mountain Summit High Service Water Assessment	\$3,000.00 per ERU
Brushy Mountain High Service Water Assessment	Within contracted area: \$681.00 per single family residence. (Shiloh Valley S/D, Phase I & II and The Columns at Shiloh Valley Apartments) Outside Contracted area: \$4,000.00 per acre
Old Highway 41 Sewer Assessment	\$13,000 per acre
Winfred Drive Sewer Assessment	\$9,000 per acre

SERVICE CHARGES

Water Service ≤ 4"	Charge each trip:	\$25.00
Water Service ≥ 6"		\$50.00
Water Service Transfer to New Location		\$25.00
Same Day Service Request (Water turn-on)		\$25.00
Delinquent Charge	Residential:	\$30.00
	Non-Residential:	\$40.00
After-hour Service Restore – Delinquent Accounts		\$30.00
Returned Checks		\$30.00
Fire Hydrant Meter Rental (See Fire Hydrant Meter Rental Section)		\$20.00
Broken Lock & Cap (Delinquent Accounts)		\$20.00
Pulled Water Meter (Delinquent Accounts)		\$50.00
Turn-off Water Service (Final's or Burst Pipes)		No Charge
Unauthorized Water Use		
<p>Customer is notified to apply for water service.</p> <p>Penalty for theft: \$250.00 plus estimated usage at the irrigation rate.</p> <p>Citizen is also subject to prosecution of misdemeanor with penalty up to \$500.00 or 6 months imprisonment.</p>		

UNAUTHORIZED WATER USE DURING CURTAILMENT BAN

This for the enforcement of customers violating the outdoor watering ban and conservation policies per code section 122-61 and 122-84(k).	
First Violation:	Customer is provided or it will be posted on the property a written notice of violation.
Second Violation at same property:	\$100.00
Third Violation at same property:	\$250.00
Forth Violation and all others at same property:	\$500.00 & Service Disconnect

GOVERNMENT RATES

MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE

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GOVERNMENTAL RATES (CONTRACT)

WASTEWATER	\$3.83 per 1,000 gallons
Fulton County - < 10.32 mgd = \$2.07 per 1,000 gallons (Per Contractual Agreement)	
Fulton County - > 10.32 mgd = \$3.83 per 1,000 gallons (Per Contractual Agreement)	

GOVERNMENTAL RATES (NON-CONTRACT)

WASTEWATER	\$4.61 per 1,000 gallons
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LEAK CREDIT GUIDELINES

Residential customers may be eligible for a credit on wastewater charges on water lost through a system leak or a damaged pool, subject to certain conditions. Customers may receive a credit no more than once annually and are required to submit documentation of repairs. The credit, if awarded, is based on a single billing period and calculated from the difference between the subject period and 150% of the use for the same period during the previous year. Use during the subject period must be at least 16,000 gallons for consideration. Non-residential users are generally not eligible for credit. The Water System has established a committee to evaluate requests.

